

“Keeping in Touch”

Quarterly Newsletter by/for
Fish & Game Retirees/Families and
Interested Former Employees

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Dates to Remember

**Retiree Luncheon
Schedule
Golden Corral
on Emerald in Boise
11:30 a.m.**

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**2014
November 13**

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**2015
January 8
March 12
May 14
July 9
September 10
November 12**

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**Wild Game Feed
December 12**

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Mark Your Calendars

Defending Idaho's Natural Heritage

This is one book you should have in your library. The author is Ken Robison. You can buy it at the following website:

www.defendingidahosnaturalheritage.com.

The cost is \$24.95 plus \$5.00 for shipping and handling.

Following Are Some of the Subjects Covered:

History of Fish and Game
Rocky Start to the F&G Commission
Long Struggle for Scientific Management
The Game Warden Who Dynamited A Dam
Creation of the Idaho Primitive Area
The Woman Who Started the Push for a Sawtooth Park
Battles With the Miners
Bill Platts vs. White Clouds miners
The Oxbow Incident
Creation of a Variety of Wilderness Areas
How F&G Brought Solid Information to
Outdoors conflicts from 1890 to 1980
Several Characters Nearly Everyone Will Know

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This Year's Wild Game Feed

The Wild Game Feed will be Friday December 12th. This is the 49th!! We love having the retirees there and would appreciate getting more “new” retirees to the lunch, too. Also, after getting a couple of requests, I plan to keep the trophy room open and available for folks to look at IDFG photos which have been scanned over the past year or so. Many are scenic and others have IDFG personnel and most aren't documented. If folks want to hang around after lunch and take a look – it could be fun. And if folks want to bring their slides/photos to share, that would be great, too. — Sharon Clark

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**Welcome New
Retirees!**

I'm amazed at how many IDFG folks are retiring. Here is a list of the newbies coming on board!

*** Virginia Hill**, Administrative Assistant for the Bureau of Wildlife, retired July 16 after 22 years of service.

*** Douglas Sholes**, Utility Craftsman for Salmon Region, recently retired after 27 years.

*** Randy Smith**, Regional Wildlife Manager for Magic Valley Region, retired Sept. 30 after 30 ½ years.

*** Scott Grunder**, Program Coordinator for the Fishery Bureau, will be retiring Oct. 16 after 30 years.

*** Philip Mamer**, Fish Pathologist Supervisor at the Eagle Fish Health Laboratory, is retiring Oct. 31 after 12 years.

*** Gary Ady**, Fish Culturist for the Nampa Fish Hatchery, is retiring Nov. 21 after 32 years.

*** Rick Alsager**, Fish Hatchery Manager for Nampa Fish Hatchery, is retiring Dec. 20 after 32 years.

*** Peter Zager**, Principal Wildlife Research Biologist for Clearwater Region, is retiring Oct. 31 after 31 years.

Congratulations and have fun!

Just a reminder! Postcards are sent out to all new retirees to fill out and return so you can be included on the Retiree list to receive the latest information, etc. If you do not return the card, we will take it as an indication you do not want to

be included so your name will be removed from the list. — JJF

Latest Retiree News!

Well, **Bill Platts** is still at it. At the USA Track and Field and Masters Track and Field 2014 Awards Banquet held at Wake Forest University, North Carolina, Bill received the "Master Athlete of the Year and Outstanding Performance" Award. The Awards Banquet was held in conjunction with the USA Masters 2014 National Track and Field Championships held at Wake Forest University. Bill says, "My goal has been to win this top award before I have to purchase my first wheel chair." *(I'm sure that will be a long time in the future, Bill! Keep on going!)*

Thank you **Joe Blackburn** for sending the 1982 Idaho Fishing Regulations. Of course, this was before I became the first Desktop Publishing Specialist for the Department and the regulations were sent out to be typeset. This would not have happened if I had been doing them. So, you folks are probably wondering what I am talking about? Well, there was a very huge typo in the ad for the Nongame Wildlife Program. The title said, **"NONGAME WILDWIFE PROGRAM"** and someone in North Idaho got such a kick out of it that T-shirts were made to

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point out this big blooper!! This copy, Joe, will go to Sharon Clark and Mick Hoover for its historical value. Thanks again. And a belated **Happy July 15 Birthday** to you, Joe. You are now on my list!!

Just want to wish **Jo Toomey** a fast recovery from recent knee surgery and to let **Royce Williams** know we missed you at the last luncheon. He is recovering from basil cell carcinoma on his face. Royce, you have to stay out of those Kentucky tobacco fields!!

In previous newsletters, you have read about **Milt and Beverly Williams'** son, **Dr. Geoff Williams**, who is President of the International Children's Surgical Foundation and who travels the world performing surgery for free for children with deformities. I am forwarding to all computer users a newsletter sent to me by the Secretary of the organization, Beverly Williams, Dr. Geoff's mother. I'm sure it will be a interest to you. *(I will be happy to send it to those of you who do not have computers. Just give me a call at 888-1015 and I will send you a copy. -- JJF)*

Also, I am forwarding one of **Frank NeSmith's** latest stories about his and wife Judy's 50th wedding anniversary. This way,

we can hopefully keep the news to six pages.

If you have to contact **Pat or Sandy Cudmore**, don't call their home phone. It is no more. Pat's cell phone number is: 208-859-6275 and Sandy's is: 208-989-5958. Thanks for the update!

In Memoriam

Alice L. Cannaday
1927- 2014

Alice Lucindia Cannaday, 87, passed away August 16, 2014 at home. Alice was born May 9, 1927 in Jerome, Idaho to Frank Everett Powell and Hannah Victoria (Moore) Powell. Alice grew up in Boise the 5th of 8 children. She graduated from Boise High School. Alice married Basil Cannaday on June 6, 1946. They were married 68 years. They raised two children; Jerry Cannaday and Jo Hannah Snyder.

Alice worked for the Idaho Fish and Game Department for 30 years retiring in 1990. She enjoyed sewing, knitting, crocheting, jigsaw, crossword and word search puzzles. She also enjoyed camping and going for car rides to see the country.

Alice is survived by Basil, Jerry (Kathy) and Jo (Rich), grandson Weston Snyder, granddaughter Stephanie (Rusty) Wentz, great grandchildren Wyatt and Winter Wentz. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers and sisters. Per her

request, there will not be a service. An open house was held at her son Jerry's home on September 6.

Some of you may remember when IDFG had a DP (data processing) office and computers filled up a room and personal computers were a little foreign but more importantly you may remember Alice. She was quiet and worked "behind the scenes." Alice started with the Department in 1960 as a Key Punch Operator before retiring in 1990. — Sharon Clark

And Basil, it was so good to see you at the last Retirees' luncheon. The beautiful pictures you brought of Alice brought back wonderful memories of her. And we will keep you on our mailing list so you can make the future luncheons. — Judy J. Fisher

Merry Dell Morris

1925 - 2014

Merry Dell Morris, of Star, Idaho, September 12, 2014, at the Paramount Parks Assisted Living facility in Eagle, Idaho. She had recently enjoyed celebrating her 89th birthday with family.

Merry Dell was born to John Caldwell Calhoun Dyer and Bertha "Lois" Nuckols Dyer in Cleburne, Texas on August 29, 1925. The family moved to Fort

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Smith, Arkansas a few years after her birth where they lived on a small farm. After graduating from high school in 1943 she took a job in a defense plant in Washington, DC processing orders for munitions to be shipped to combat units in Europe. After World War II she went on to Harding College in Searcy, Arkansas, for her freshman year. Her brother Jack's family needs caused her to transfer to Pepperdine College in California to help them out.

Merry Dell loved adventures. Taking a break from college, she traveled alone to Nampa, Idaho, in 1948 to visit a family friend and while there decided to move to Nampa. Her love for horses led to her introduction to a local cowboy and farmer, George S. Hiemstra, who helped her pick out a horse to purchase. Their many trail rides with the Nampa Stampede Riding Club led to romance and marriage on January 18, 1950.

Merry Dell and George lived on numerous farms ranging from Jordan Valley, Caldwell, Middleton, and Meridian before buying a dairy farm in Star, Idaho, in 1963. Besides farming, they both held full-time jobs. Merry Dell first worked as a bookkeeper for Carnation Foods for a few years, then worked with the Internal Revenue

Service as an auditor for about ten years. In 1968 she was hired as a senior clerk with the Idaho Fish and Game (IF&G). She worked her way up the career ladder to become the head of Licensing from 1973-1977. In late 1977 she transferred over to the accounting department to tackle new challenges, including transitioning the accounting unit to the computer age. Merry Dell enjoyed working at IDFG and made many lifelong friends that she continued to enjoy long after her retirement in August of 1989.

Besides work and family Merry Dell made time for pleasures: horseback riding, traveling, and fishing. After her divorce from George in 1974, it was her love of fishing that introduced her to her second husband, Creed Willard Morris, Jr. They married on February 14, 1975. Creed and Merry Dell enjoyed a life together until he died July 27, 2009.

In addition to her husband, Creed, Merry Dell is preceded in death by her parents, one brother and one sister; three stillborn children and one adult son; her first husband George. She is survived by her sister, Dawn and her husband, Austin Albright, Sr., of Middleton, Idaho. Her adult children that survive her are, John and wife Susan, James, Merrylea, Marilyn and husband Danny Spangler, Pam and husband Mark Moreland, Heidi and

husband Butch Hersey. Dawn and Austin's children that survive her are Austin Albright, Jr., and wife Kim, Terry Albright, and Cindy Albright Howard Gallagher; the youngest, Wade Albright (2014) preceded her in death. Merry Dell was proud of her 12 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren that survive her as well as many nieces and nephews. Merry Dell was interned alongside her sons, Rodney and Howard, at the Star Cemetery with graveside services Sept. 17. Memorial services were held September 27 at the Eagle Christian Church. Donations may be made in Merry Dell's memory to Shriners Hospitals for Children: <https://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org>.

Delores "Lorrie" Spiker-Parrish, 81

My good friend Lorrie passed away Monday evening, Oct. 13 from stage 4 colon cancer. We held up the newsletter waiting for details of her services, but the family is still in the process of making the arrangements. So, it will be in the next newsletter. We will e-mail you the obituary/services announcement as soon as it is available. Those of you who do not have e-mail, we will notify you by phone/or mail. Thanks for your understanding.

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**Kerry "Red" Stemper
1955 - 2014**

Services were held October 18 at All Saints Episcopal Church in Boise for **Kerry "Red" Stemper**, son of Retiree **Ruth Stemper**. He passed away Oct. 3 after battling poor health for several years. He served three years in the Army. In 1975, he married Norma Jean Gruver and after living around the world for seven years finally settled in Boise, Idaho.

Kerry volunteered with Idaho Mountain Search and Rescue, Civil Air Patrol and Bureau of Disaster Services for many years. He is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons, Charles and Michael (Sarah); one granddaughter, Shelby; a brother David (Thao); his father, William Stemper; his mother, Ruth; two nieces, plus many other relatives. He was predeceased by his brother, Wendell Stemper.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all the families/friends.

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The Giraffe Test

Submitted by Leona Clower

(This test is to ascertain your mental state now. If you get one right, you are doing okay; if you get none right, your better go for counseling. I'll meet you there!)

There are four questions. Don't miss one.

1. How do you put a giraffe into a refrigerator? Stop and think about it and decide on your answer before you scroll down.

The correct answer is: Open the refrigerator, put in the giraffe, and close the door. This question tests whether you tend to do simple things in an overly complicated way.

2. How do you put an elephant into the refrigerator?

Did you say, open the refrigerator, put in the elephant and close the refrigerator? Wrong Answer.

Correct Answer: Open the refrigerator, take out the giraffe, put in the elephant and close the door. This tests your ability to think through the repercussions of your previous actions.

3. The Lion King is hosting an Animal Conference. All the animals attend . . . except one. Which animal does not attend.

Correct Answer: The Elephant. The elephant is in the refrig-

erator. You just put him in there. This tests your memory. Okay, even if you did not answer the first three questions correctly, you still have one more chance to show your true abilities.

4. There is a river you must cross but it is used by crocodiles and you do not have a boat. How do you manage it?

Correct Answer: You jump into the river and swim across. Haven't you been lis-ten-ing? All the crocodiles are attending the Animal Conference. This tests whether you learn quickly from your mistakes.

According to Anderson Consulting Worldwide, around 90% of the retirees they tested got all questions wrong, but many preschoolers got several correct answers. Anderson Consulting says this conclusively proves the theory that most retirees do not have the brains of a four-year-old.

***Hope this brightened your day
Retirees!@!***

October Birthdays

Bill Horton, October 1
Bud Ainsworth, October 2
Mark Armbruster, Bill Davidson & Ted Mesle, Oct. 6
Chris Ewing Craig & Bob Royce, Oct. 7
Brent Ritchie & Pat Cudmore, Oct. 8
Darlene "Skip" Howard, Oct. 8, 81 years
Lynda Beach, October 15
Gary Phillips, October 20
Gerald Mowery & Kent Ball, Oct. 22
Frank NeSmith & Lynn Merrill, Oct. 24
Joe Curry, October 27
Al Nicholson, October 28

November Birthdays

Dale Baird & Bill Snow, Nov. 2
Ardella Reinke, November 4
Gary Gadwa, November 7
Dick Scully, November 11
Dave Neider, November 12
Sharon Wavra, November 14
Les Trout, 90 years, November 18
Fred Partridge, November 21
Jerry Neufeld, November 22
Don Carr, November 24
Mike Schlegel & Ned Horner, Nov. 25
Gary Loveland, November 26
Lloyd Oldenburg, November 28, 84 years

December Birthdays

Donna Dillon, December 1
Tom Levendofsky, December 2
Mel Hughes, December 4
Ardith Butterworth, December 7
Joe Greenley, December 13, 92 years
John Heimer, December 14

Rod Parker, December 16
Virgil Moore*, December 18
Don Anderson, December 21
Anna Marie Halpern, December 23
Ed "Bud" Stackler, December 27
Bill Gorgen, December 28
Martel Morache, December 28

October Anniversaries

Jackie & Charles Crist, Oct. 10, 60 years
Tom & Carolyn Leege, Oct. 17, 50 years

November Anniversaries

Gary & Laurie Gadwa, Nov. 22, 45 years

December Anniversaries

Gloria & John Elliott, Dec. 28, 58 years

Happy Holidays, Folks!